

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2008. For the following reasons, this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Support for new claim 18 is found in originally filed claims 1 and 17.

Claims 1-16 and 18 are pending in this application. Claims 1-16 are allowed. Claim 17 has been rejected. Claim 17 has been canceled in this paper. Claim 18 is newly added in this paper.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Dankese (US 3,516,867). This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

Claim 17 has been canceled, thus this rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16 are allowed.

Applicant greatly appreciates the indication of allowed claims. New claim 18 depends from allowed claim 1 and thus, is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. As only allowed, or allowable claims remain pending in this application, Applicant submits this application is in condition for allowance.

In light of the above Amendment and Remarks, this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding these remarks or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite prosecution of the application.

Application No.: 10/525,509

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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